

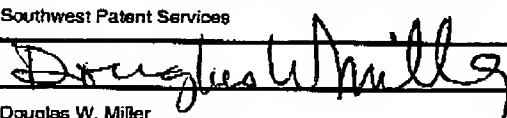
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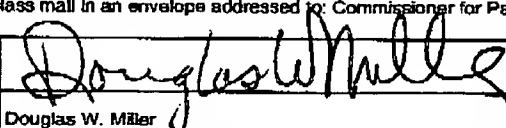
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
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| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

Total Claims 10 - 20 or HP * 0 x 0 = 0

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In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004, please consider the following remarks, and amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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